

**IN THE SPECIFICATION:**

Page 1, lines 2: cancel this line in its entirety  
before line 3: insert:

**BACKGROUND OF THE INVENTION**

lines 3-4: change these lines to read as  
follows:

The present invention concerns a blow-  
off valve for a hydraulic dashpot as  
~~recited in the preamble to Claim 1.~~

Page 2, before line 3: insert:

**SUMMARY OF THE INVENTION**

lines 9-11: cancel these lines in their entirety  
line 19: insert:

**BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE DRAWINGS**

line 24: insert:

**DESCRIPTION OF THE PREFERRED EMBODIMENTS**